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A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE
PAULDING COUNTY CARNEGIE
LIBRARY ON THE CELEBRATION
OF ITS OHIO BICENTENNIAL HIS-
TORICAL MARKER

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 2003

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to stand before my colleagues in the House to pay tribute to a special library from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. Tomorrow, Thursday, September 18, 2003, the Paulding County Carnegie Library celebrates an important event—the dedication of its Ohio Bicentennial Historical Marker.

Mr. Speaker, the Paulding County Carnegie Library is one of a number of distinguished libraries in Northwest Ohio. The library was created in 1893 and housed within various homes and stores of the great community of Paulding County, Ohio. It earned its celebrated distinction when, in 1913, the Carnegie Foundation funded the creation of what remains today as the first county library in the United States funded by Andrew Carnegie.

We, in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District, are blessed to have such endowed institutes of learning as the Paulding County Carnegie Library. Open for scholarship on March 3, 1916, the library continues to provide the community with the resources to succeed. The generous gifts of the Carnegie Foundation, funding the creation of 1,945 libraries across America, have contributed to the growth and quality of the American educational system.

As a Member of Congress, I have been fortunate enough to visit Paulding County several times. With the Carnegie library promoting excellence in education, Paulding County, Ohio remains a truly blessed community.

Mr. Speaker, the ingenuity of the American mind and the resolve to enhance our society are embodied in such public works as Paulding County's library. As we celebrate the dedication of the Paulding County Carnegie Library Ohio Bicentennial Historical Marker, I would urge my colleagues to stand and join me in this special tribute. It is my hope that the promotion of excellence will continue long into the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF JIM
WILLIAMS

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the distinguished service of Mr. Jim Williams, KYSL-FM radio newscaster of Frisco, CO.

Mr. Williams arrived in Summit County in March of 2000 and has since proved to be the voice of Summit County news. Mr. Williams has provided Summit County residents with not only daily newscasts and sportscasts, but has been a major supporter of community

events. Williams got his start in broadcast journalism in 1979 in Wray. He has since moved from station to station and state to state.

This past spring, Mr. Williams was honored by the Colorado Broadcasters Association (CBA) with a first and second place in the best newscast category and was named CBA's medium-market broadcast citizen of the year for 2002.

The dedication, enthusiasm and activism with which Mr. Williams has pursued his work deserves our most sincere thanks. Thus, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Mr. Jim Williams for his service and many contributions to his community. He is much appreciated.

Sadly for the Summit County community, Mr. Williams will give his last live broadcast on September 10, 2003 and then head to Illinois to co-host a radio talk show.

For the benefit of our colleagues, I am attaching a copy of a recent story about Mr. Williams that appeared in the Summit Daily News.

[From the Summit Daily News, Sept. 3, 2003]

JIM WILLIAMS TO LEAVE KYSL

(By Jane Stebbins)

FRISCO.—Jim Williams, the rare committed radio newscaster to work in the community, is leaving KYSL-FM for a new job in Illinois as co-host of a radio talk show.

In addition to the news, Williams broadcast Summit High School football games and gave detailed, if not breathless, reports of other Tiger sports, perhaps most memorably the recent state tournament girls volleyball teams.

His last live newscast—he said it will be a difficult one—will be at 9 a.m. September 10.

"It's one of the challenges left, one of the reasons it's so exciting," he said of the talk show gig. "It's something new, something different."

Williams got his start in broadcast journalism in 1979 in Wray, where he reported farm news, obituaries, hospital admissions and releases, maintained the transmitter, cleaned the toilets and sold ads, he said.

He then moved from station to station and state to state: Morris, Minn., Ogallala, Neb., Sioux Falls, S.D., Springfield, Ill., Myrtle Beach, and Columbia, S.C., Denver, Aspen, Vail, Avon and Frisco.

He landed in Summit County in March 2000 and has written and voiced daily newscasts and sportscasts, provided play-by-play broadcasts of high school games—a feature that was deleted this summer from KYSL's programming—and represented the station as an emcee at numerous community events.

Now, he will co-host an afternoon talk show with Beth Whisman on Citadel Communications' WJBC in a market that has the potential for more than 110,000 listeners.

"It'll be a little bit of everything," Williams said of the focus of the show. "They had a guy there who was really, really political, using the radio as his bully pulpit—you don't want that. The idea when people are going home is not to irritate them. It won't be light talk, but it'll be lighter than that."

He looks forward to discussing politics, entertainment and local politics. And in his new job, unlike in the news world where reporters try to be unbiased, Williams will be allowed to hold opinions.

"The thing that'll get me to cringe is when people will try to nail me down on social issues," he said. "That's when I'll be sweating and backpedaling. I need to get off the news fence and develop an opinion."

While here, Williams has reported on at least one major story each year. His first

year, he was on the sidelines when Carlos Ebert-Santos was tackled during Summit High School's homecoming football game. The aspiring pro-football player had broken his neck.

"Carlos was on a roll that night," Williams recalled. "He would have gone for 200, 300 yards offense that night. To see him go down and not get up was chilling. It was one of the moments I was speechless. I didn't know what to say to people. I didn't want to alarm them."

"To see him come back and walk was heartwarming," he said of Ebert-Santos' recovery. "It was a terrible story that had about as good an ending as it could have."

Equally as chilling was the Sharon Garrison murder story and husband Chuck Garrison's murder trial in 2002.

The big story in recent weeks has been basketball star Kobe Bryant's sexual assault charge in Eagle.

In between, Williams has been the emcee for the rubber duck race in Breckenridge—"Anything for the Summit Foundation," Williams said—Frisco's Barbecue Challenge, Fourth of July, Music on Main Street and Concerts in the Park, among many other events.

Williams said he will miss Summit County community events, his co-workers and people in the community—but most of all the high school kids, he said, wiping away a tear.

"I hate moving more than anything, but it's the nature of this business," he said. "This job has been pretty close to ideal. This community has been awesome; it's the best place I've been. But this challenge excites me. It's not an opportunity that comes along every day."

Normally an easy talker, Williams is stumped as to what he'll say that last time on Summit County's airwaves.

"I might try to be silly like Dennis Miller and say, 'That's the news, and I'm out of here,'" he said. "I think it'll be something more from the heart. These people have really gotten in my heart. If I could have this joy again (in another community), I'd be blessed."

He'll be back, he said, albeit as a tourist.

"Hopefully, I'll still know enough people to get a lift ticket or two," he said.

HONORING ENNIS CENTER FOR
CHILDREN, INC.

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 2003

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Ennis Center for Children, Inc., for 25 years of dedicated service to six counties throughout Southeast Michigan. On November 13, 2003 Ennis Center will celebrate their anniversary with the community.

Ennis Center for Children is a non-profit, multi-service agency, providing community based in-home foster care, adoption and group home services to children and families. The center helps children from birth to age 19 by providing stability and permanent homes. Most children who utilize the center's services are poor, minority and have at-risk backgrounds, many of them abused, neglected and abandoned. Each year the center assists more than 2,500 children within the Southeast Michigan area. In 2002, they placed 640 children in foster care with 263 foster families, 130 children were adopted, 99 of which were by their foster families, 26 by relatives or